

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Office Action dated April 2, 2008. In that action, the Examiner proposed a species election requirement including Species I (Figures 1a-1e); Species II (Figures 2a and 2b); Species III (Figures 3a and 3b); Species IV (Figures 4a and 4b); Species V (Figures 5a and 5b); Species VI (Figures 6a-6d); Species VII (Figures 7b-7e); Species VIII (Figures 8b-8g); Species IX (Figures 9b-9e and 11b-11e); Species X (Figures 10b-10e); Species XI (Figures 12b-12e); Species XII (Figures 13b-13d); Species XIII (Figures 14a and 14e); and Species XIV (Figures 15a, 15b and 17a-18b).

Election of Species

With this Office Action Response, Applicants elect Species I (Figures 1a-1e) for prosecution on the merits, with traverse because Applicants believe PCT Rule 13.1 to be inapplicable in the present case as this application is being examined under U.S. laws and rules. Nonetheless, Applicants make the aforementioned election to advance prosecution.

Applicants identify the following claims in view of the elected species: claims 64, 124, 125, 126, 127, 133, 134, 140, 141, 159 and 163.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe all matters in the Office Action dated April 2, 2008 have been addressed. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite the resolution of this case, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

If any fees are inadvertently omitted or if any additional fees are required or have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit those fees to USPTO Deposit Account Number 50-3953 (2724-10605).

Respectfully submitted,



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